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Evan:

As attached indicates, BBC's  
National Union of Journalists,  
which includes monitors, is  
going on strike Wednesday,  
presumably for 24 hours. We  
have made backup arrangements.

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1. BBC CONFIRMS INDUSTRIAL ACTION WILL OCCUR 7 AUGUST WHICH WILL AFFECT BBC MONITORING CAPACITY TO A SIGNIFICANT, BUT NOT DIRE DEGREE. WORST IMPACT WILL BE ON PERSIAN COVERAGE, WHICH WILL BE DROPPED ALTOGETHER, NECESSITATING MAXIMUM POSSIBLE BACKSTOP EFFORT FROM GULF BUREAU ON 'A' COVERAGE. BUREAU EXPECTS TO CONTINUE TO PRINT IRNA IN THE EDITORIAL ROOM. PORTUGUESE AND SPANISH WILL BE DROPPED.
2. RUSSIAN COVERAGE WILL BE HANDLED BY SMALL BUT TOP-QUALITY CREW, AND BUREAU EDITORIAL ALSO EXPECTS TO PRINT TASS ENGLISH.
3. ARABIC: UNCERTAIN; DOUBTFUL THAT BBC CAN PROVIDE ANTICIPATED COVERAGE OF MAGHREB FOR ARAB SUMMIT IF INDEED IT IS HELD, SO BUREAUS WITH ARABIC CAPABILITY SHOULD TRY TO FILL IN. COULD ANYBODY PICK UP KUNA ARABIC?
4. THERE WILL BE AT LEAST PARTIAL COVERAGE OF BBC'S EAST EUROPEAN COMMITMENTS -- ONE OR TWO MONITORS AVAILABLE DURING THE 24 HOURS IN EACH OF POLISH, CZECHOSLOVAK AND SERBOCROATIAN, THOUGH

MOST SIGNIFICANT MATERIAL.

5. PRESENT OUTLOOK IS FOR CONTINUED RTT OPERATIONS. EFFECT ON ISLAMABAD AND VCVC AT THIS POINT CANNOT BE ASSESSED AND MAY HAVE TO AWAIT THE DAY TO BE CLARIFIED.

6. FURTHER MEETINGS EARLY NEXT WEEK MAY ENABLE US TO PROVIDE A MORE PRECISE PICTURE BEFORE WEDNESDAY. 02/1642Z AUG

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